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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated August 23, 2007, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975